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TAB A

REQUEST FOR FUNDS TO DEFRAY COSTS OF A RESEARCH PROJECT TO BE DONE  
OUTSIDE THE GOVERNMENT

1. Description of the project and purpose

The project is to conduct a study which will be entitled "The Kremlin's Estimate of the Capabilities and Intentions of the United States".

The study will be done from unclassified printed materials (press, magazines, unclassified government publications, etc.) by two teams of selected university people and will appear in two parts: (a) The Kremlin's estimate of the military capabilities of the United States as of 1 September 1951 (this may be expanded to include projected U. S. capabilities as of 1952, 1953, and 1954), and (b) The Kremlin's estimate of the intentions of the United States. (Both short and long run intentions will be considered.)

The purpose of the project is to inform ONE: (a) What the Kremlin can certainly know about the size, character, and deployment of U. S. military forces (including unconventional) in being (and in prospect) with no more than a careful reading of the main unclassified sources of information, and (b) What the Kremlin probably estimates the intentions of the U. S. to be.

Such knowledge is essential to that part of ONE's work which deals with probable Soviet intentions. The best case in point is NIE-37, The Likelihood of a Soviet Attack Upon Japan. Obviously, no sound estimate of Soviet intentions towards Japan can be made unless ONE knows approximately as much about U. S. forces in that area as the Kremlin's planners know. ONE, with the help of other offices of CIA, could ascertain how much the Kremlin could know about the size and character and deployment of U. S. forces. But in so doing, CIA personnel would be working very largely with unclassified materials. This would seem to be an uneconomical use of CIA's security-cleared personnel and secure premises. Furthermore, since most CIA work is of a sensitive nature, it cannot be farmed out. But this project can be delegated and may even be better completed in an outside atmosphere than within that of CIA itself.

2. Nature of the Project

This is a new project.

3. Timing

The two parts of this project will be completed by 1 September 1951.

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4. Operational support requirements.

None required outside O/NE.

5. Administrative support requirements.

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6. Type of funds.

Unvouchered.

7. Estimated cost.

\$60,000 to be payable between date of approval of this project and 1 September 1951. *How and to whom?*

8. Outside Agency support.

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[REDACTED] will serve as executive agent for this project.

9. Intra-Agency coordination.

None needed.

10. Inasmuch as:

- a. The materials for this study are by the very nature of the project unclassified publications available to anyone;
- b. The Kremlin may be assumed to know that the U. S. is interested in what it (the Kremlin) may be thinking;
- c. The project cannot be done by the 1 September 1951 deadline if the university personnel in question must first be security checked

It is most strongly urged that the project be unclassified and that it be gotten underway without security clearance of the personnel to be engaged.

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